

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 through 23 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of identifying, ~~the presence from a set of~~ an object images, images in a target image, said ~~which a specified object is present, the method~~ comprising the steps of:

choosing, from the set of images, an indicative image in which the specified object is present;

selecting a part of ~~said~~ the object; ~~;-said part having a distinctive colour;~~

searching ~~said target image~~ the set of images for ~~said~~ the part dependent upon the color of the part; and

tagging the ~~target image if said~~ images in the set in which the part is found ~~therein.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the object is a person, and ~~said~~ the part of ~~said~~ the object is a fashion accessory worn by the person.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said selecting step comprises manual provision of designation information, in relation to ~~an~~ the indicative image, said designation information identifying ~~said~~ the part of the object.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein prior to said selecting step the method comprises defining ~~said~~ the part of the object as an item in a menu, and wherein said selecting step comprises selecting ~~said~~ the part from the menu.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein:
the said selecting step comprises an additional sub-step selecting another part of ~~said~~ the object having another ~~distinctive colour~~ color;
the said searching step comprises an additional sub-step of searching ~~said target image~~ the set of images for ~~said~~ the other part of ~~said~~ the object as well as for ~~said~~ the part of ~~said~~ the object; and
the said tagging step comprises tagging ~~the target image~~ images if both ~~said~~ the part and ~~said~~ the other part are found therein.

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein:
the said searching step comprises an additional sub-step of searching ~~said target image~~ the set of images for human skin ~~colour~~ color as well as for ~~said~~ the part of ~~said image~~ the object; and
the said tagging step comprises tagging ~~the target image~~ images if both said part and said skin colour are found therein.

7. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising, prior to ~~the selecting~~ said choosing step, additional steps of:

deriving meta-data for a core set of images;

grouping ~~said~~ the core set into one or more event image sets dependent upon ~~said~~ the meta-data; and

choosing ~~a desired image~~ the set, ~~comprising an indicative image and at least one target image, of images~~ from ~~said~~ the one or more event image sets.

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 7, wherein ~~said~~ the meta-data comprises time stamps associated with the images in the core set, and said grouping step comprises, in relation to an image in ~~said~~ the core set, a sub-step of:

assigning ~~said~~ the image to an event image set if an associated time stamp falls within a predetermined event time interval.

9. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 7, wherein said meta-data comprises time stamps for the images in the core set, and said grouping step comprises, in relation to an image in ~~said~~ the core set of images, a sub-step of:

assigning ~~said~~ the image to an ~~event~~ event image set if an associated time stamp can be clustered with time stamps associated with other images in ~~said~~ the event image set.

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said searching step comprises sub-steps of:

~~colour~~ color segmenting ~~said target image~~ images in the set of images into at least one ~~colour~~ color region;

determining for each image in the set whether ~~said distinctive colour~~ the color matches ~~said the~~ at least one ~~colour~~ color region; and

flagging a presence of ~~said the part of the object~~ if a match is found.

11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein:

(1) ~~said the~~ part, in addition to the ~~distinctive colour~~ color, has at least one of a distinctive size attribute and a distinctive shape attribute;

(2) said determining step comprises at least a further sub-step of :

(a) determining whether a size of ~~said the~~ region matches the distinctive size;

and

(b) determining whether a shape of ~~said the~~ region matches the distinctive shape; and

(3) said flagging step comprises flagging a presence of ~~said the part of the object~~ if at least one of a ~~colour~~ color match, a size match, and a shape match is found.

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for identifying, ~~an object in from~~ a ~~target image, said set of images, images in which a specified object is present, said~~ apparatus

comprising:

means for choosing, from the set of images, an indicative image in which the specified object is present;

means for selecting a part of ~~said~~ the object; ~~; said part having a distinctive colour;~~

means for searching ~~said target image for said~~ the set of images for the part dependent upon the color of the part; and

means for tagging the ~~target image if said~~ images in the set in which the part is found ~~therein.~~

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising:

means for manual provision of designation information, in relation to ~~an~~ the indicative image, to thereby identify ~~said~~ the part of the object.

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising:

means for defining ~~said~~ the part of the object as an item in a menu; and

means for selecting ~~said~~ the part from the menu.

15. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising:

means for deriving meta-data for a core set of images;

means for grouping ~~said~~ the core set into one or more event image sets dependent upon ~~said~~ the meta-data; and

means for choosing ~~a desired image~~ the set, ~~comprising an indicative image and at least one target image, of images~~ from ~~said~~ the one or more event image sets.

16. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising:

means for ~~colour~~ color segmenting ~~said target image~~ images in the set of images into at least one ~~colour~~ color region;

means for determining whether ~~said distinctive colour~~ the color matches ~~said~~ the at least one ~~colour~~ color region; and

means for flagging a presence of ~~said~~ the part of the object if a match is found.

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for identifying an object in a target image, said apparatus comprising:

a memory for storing a program; and

a processor for executing the program, said program comprising:

(a) code for choosing, from the set of images, an indicative image in which the specified object is present;

(b) code for selecting a part of ~~said~~ the object; ~~, said part having a distinctive~~

colour;

(c) code for searching ~~said target image for said~~ the set of images for the part
dependent upon the color of the part; and

(d) code for tagging the ~~target image if said~~ images in the set in which the part
is found ~~therein~~.

18. (Currently Amended) A computer program which is configured to make a
computer execute a procedure ~~to identify an object in~~ for identifying, from a set of images,
images in which a target image, said specified object is present, said program comprising:

code for choosing, from the set of images, an indicative image in which the
specified object is present;

code for selecting a part of ~~said the object;~~ ~~; said part having a distinctive colour;~~

code for searching ~~said target image for said~~ the set of images for the part
dependent upon the color of the part; and

code for tagging the ~~target image if said~~ images in the set in which the part is
found ~~therein~~.

19. (Currently Amended) A computer program according to claim 18, further
comprising:

code for manual provision of designation information, in relation to ~~an~~
the indicative image, to thereby identify ~~said the~~ part of the object.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer program according to claim 18, further comprising:

code for defining ~~said~~ the part of the object as an item in a menu; and

code for selecting ~~said~~ the part from the menu.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer program according to claim 18, further comprising:

code for deriving meta-data for a core set of images;

code for grouping ~~said~~ the core set into one or more event image sets dependent upon ~~said~~ the meta-data; and

code for choosing a desired image set, comprising an indicative image and at least one target image, from ~~said~~ the one or more event image sets.

22. (Currently Amended) A computer program according to claim 18, further comprising:

code for ~~colour~~ color segmenting ~~said target image~~ images in the set of images into at least one ~~colour~~ color region;

code for determining whether ~~said distinctive colour~~ the color matches ~~said the~~ at least one ~~colour~~ color region; and

code for flagging a presence of ~~said object~~ the part of the object if a match is found.

23. (Currently Amended) A computer program product including a computer readable medium having recorded thereon a computer program which is configured to make a computer execute a procedure ~~to identify an object in~~ for identifying, from a target image, said set of images, images in which a specified object is present, the program comprising:

code for choosing, from the set of images, an indicative image in which the specified object is present;

code for selecting a part of said the object; ~~; said part having a distinctive colour;~~

code for searching ~~said target image for said~~ the set of images for the part dependent upon the color of the part; and

code for tagging the ~~target image if said~~ images in the set in which the part is found ~~therein~~.